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In re the application of :
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For: Recessed Shallow Trench Isolation Structure Nitride Liner and
Method for Making Same

Art Unit: 2813

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office action dated 7/2/98, please amend the application as
follows:

Cancel claims 1-4.

Remarks

The Office action dated 7/2/98 has been carefully considered and the foregoing
amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Claims 5-9 are active in this
application.

The rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 USC §102 (a) is respectfully traversed.
However, in order to further the prosecution of this application, claims 1-4 have been
cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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